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## THE VOICE of HAM-REASON

THE VOICE of HAM-REASON is a Newsletter devoted entirely to the preservation of Amateur Radio Operation as an ongoing, continuous, viable Hobby.

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Sirs:

Making a Rule commensurate with the above Docket would effectively defeat the very purpose for the existence of the Amateur Radio Service as expressed by the Commission: to produce a readily available cadre of experienced radio operators for emergency use.

With a dedicated frequency, it is today no technical achievement to cover huge distances with miniscule RF power. The NASA Voyagers I and II have amply proven that fact by communicating over millions of miles on dedicated frequencies from the outer reaches of our planetary system, using only ultra-weak, RF power.

Let the "Weak Signal Experimenters" use the frequencies now allotted to the radio amateurs, learning to seek an "open" frequency spot for their communications, thus becoming in the exercise of their hobby, weak-signal operators. All radio amateurs are familiar with that it takes experience to overcome the radio interference usually indigent to most of the ham frequencies.

Incidentally, how does one define a "weak" signal when there are so many variables involved? As a "Professional Electronic Engineer" (Illinois No. 125), I can vouch for that question being unanswerable satisfactorily.

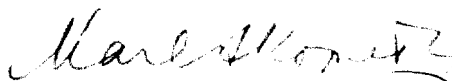
Finally, if the Commission is now ready to balkanize the ham frequencies for this particular hobby group, it is also laying the foundation and setting the precedent for many other ham hobby groups to request the same treatment. And be entitled to it!

This the Packet Group has already done. It will be followed by the Computer Group, the Ham TV Group, the Weather Fax Group, etc., etc., ad infinitum ad nauseam.

Is this what the Commission wants? I don't think so.

Docket 92-289 should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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